

NEW POINT RAISED IN SHANTUNG CONTROVERSY

Chinese Ask Abrogation of Treaties Resulting From Twenty-one Demands

JAPAN MAKES AN OFFER

Agrees to Turn Back Tsing-Tao Railway on the Basis of Financial Compensation Subject to Tokyo Approval.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—With the Shantung negotiations already at a delicate stage, the Chinese delegates threw a new element of controversy into the Far Eastern negotiations today by asking that the treaties resulting from the famous twenty-one demands be abrogated.

The Japanese immediately objected to abrogation of the subject and the Far Eastern conference adjourned. Before another meeting is held all of the national delegations will prepare to give an opinion on whether the Chinese proposal can properly be taken up under the conference agenda.

Decline to Discuss Subject.

Members of the negotiation spokesmen, except the Chinese, are declining to discuss the subject, and mention of the abrogation proposal was omitted entirely from the official communiqué of today's session.

In the view of the Chinese representatives, the subject actually is before the conference and must be discussed and disposed of one way or another.

Further complicating the negotiations, China also asked the powers to make a definite and specific declaration abolishing all the claims to "spheres of influence" which have been made under several treaties with China. What disposition would be made of that proposal also was problematical.

Ask Financial Compensation.

Meantime, some of the collateral issues of the Shantung negotiations were advanced, but the principal problem involved in Japanese withdrawal from the Tsing-Tao Railway remained as much a stumbling block as ever. Japanese delegates offered, according to the understanding of the Chinese delegates, to relinquish the Japanese claim over the railway on the basis of financial compensation, subject to approval of the Tokyo government. Coupled with this, however, a Chinese delegate said the Japanese insisted that Japan would have to retain financial interest.

This latter proposal the Chinese replied they were unable to accept.

In connection with China's request concerning the abrogation of the twenty-one demands treaties and the power claims of spheres of influence, conference circles thought little could be done. Japan, it was recalled, is reluctant to go into the validity of old treaties.

Discussion at the resumption of the Shantung negotiations after the Far Eastern committee had adjourned centered around the question of compensating Japan should she agree to turn the road back and a proposal by the Chinese that the road should be restored as quickly as possible, not later than within six months. The Japanese tentatively suggested nine months, but an agreement was reached.

Discussion Most Friendly.

Japanese spokesmen tonight indicated that if any real problem of Shantung was raised on any other basis than joint operation, the delegation would have to refer each an agreement to Tokyo for approval.

One Japanese spokesman, when asked concerning the Chinese understanding that the Chinese delegations were ready to negotiate on the basis of settling the railway to China, said:

"It is not a question of settling the road. More than that involved."

"The discussion today was most friendly. We made better progress than was made yesterday in the matter of understanding the Chinese counter-proposals, and I am hopeful of the outcome. Of course there was argument on both sides, but the question was approached in a conciliatory spirit."

"One of two points in the Chinese counter-proposal were not reached, but most of the points were cleared up."

The question of possibility of a Japanese loan to finance the Chinese in paying for the road came up at the session. A Chinese delegate said, and the Chinese declared that the people of China had expressed readiness to raise the money in China. The delegates took the position, he said, that a loan could not be forced upon China by the Japanese if she were able to finance the purchase from Chinese sources.

PHYSICIAN TAKES STAND IN TRIAL OF ROGER EASTLAKE

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Several times its normal number of inhabitants. Hundreds of people, unable to gain admittance to the court, crowded around the door, eager to hear a few words of the spectacular disclosure. Most of the spectators who were fortunate enough to secure a place in the courtroom had to stand, but they seemed indifferent to the inconvenience. Authorities declare that they do not expect any mob violence, although several drunks were reported today and freely and "moonshine" is flowing freely.

Eastlake Shows Indifference.

Eastlake was the embodiment of indifference during the trial today, and he showed no emotion when the garments of his dead wife were displayed.

Dr. W. D. Caruthers was the first witness placed on the stand this morning. In a graphic manner he described how he found Mrs. Eastlake's body, lying in a pool of blood. He explained to the jury how the wounds had been inflicted and how he struck his finger through the aperture knocked in her head until he touched the dead woman's brain. Skillful attempts on the part of Mr. Butzner to have the physician express the opinion that all the wounds

Got Sultan's Goat by Importing the Angora

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A story of how the "United States got the Sultan of Turkey's goat" by importing the Angora and developing the mohair industry in America, was told to the Senate Finance Committee today by R. E. Taylor, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, who, on behalf of the National Mohair Growers' Association, asked for a tariff duty of 23 cents a pound on mohair, in place of the 40 cents proposed in the Fordney bill.

Mr. Taylor said the Sultan became so alarmed at this threat to the Turkish mohair trade, that he at first imposed an export duty of \$500 for each goat, and when this failed to deter American purchasers, he decreed death to any subject who sold the Angora for export.

The Angora first was brought to this country in the 40's, Mr. Taylor testified, and now there are 2,100,000 of them browsing in valleys and on plains in nearly every State in the Union.

At the coroner's inquest I found a deep chop in the back of Mrs. Eastlake's neck. A piece of flesh had been hacked out.

Pipe Found Under Body.

"I felt something hard under her shoulder and hand, and reaching under I discovered that it was a tobacco pipe."

"She had on a chemise, a kimono and some bedroom slippers when I arrived on the scene. On examination I found her skull was fractured in two places and several chops were on various parts of her body."

Dr. Caruthers stated that the death occurred probably between 2 and 5 o'clock in the morning. He declared that a woman died in when he arrived at about 6 A. M. and that this does not often happen under seven hours. He further stated that two fingers on Mrs. Eastlake's right hand were cut evidently by a knife. His theory that a knife in addition to a hatchet was used in the brutal murder was based on cross-examination by Attorney Butzner. He said that he doubted if all of the wounds could have been inflicted with a hatchet.

Says Eastlake Denied Ownership.

The pipe was introduced on the stand and Dr. Caruthers declared on the stand that Eastlake denied ownership of the pipe during the coroner's inquest. On objection of Attorney Butzner the jury was instructed to disregard this evidence.

On cross-examination Dr. Caruthers said that twenty-nine wounds were found on Mrs. Eastlake's body.

The physician declared many blows had doubtless been struck after the death of the victim.

"I found Miss Knox there when I arrived at the house," said the doctor. "And I asked her what had happened. She said, 'Margaret has been murdered.' I noticed a spot of blood on her collar and I inquired how she got it there. She said she did not know and then amended her statement by saying she got it when she went to the assistance of Mrs. Eastlake."

"Eastlake arrived on the scene and walked around the house, apparently watching Miss Knox. He was hatless. He seemed to be watching me talking to Miss Knox. Later he entered the house and, picking up a butcher's knife, said: 'It could not have been done with this.'"

W. D. Caruthers was the second witness placed on the stand. He testified that a grueling examination lasting nearly five hours, he told how Miss Knox went to the sink and found the blood where the hatchet had been washed, and how she walked about the house talking volubly and aimlessly. He said she ran to the door of the house and cried out: "My God! Why doesn't somebody do something?"

Told Eastlake of Tragedy.

The witness told of going to the wharf and telling Eastlake of his wife's murder. He explained that he and Eastlake stopped at Dr. Brant's

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MOVE FOR CO-OPERATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Methodists of South Ready to Join With Other Great Churches.

BROAD PROGRAM TO COME

Committee is to be Named at Once to Confer With Baptist and Presbyterian Boards for Educational Advancement.

(By Associated Press.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 14.—A definite step toward closer co-operation with other denominations in the cause of Christian education was taken here today at the sessions of the Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

When, by unanimous vote, the convention agreed to the appointment of a committee to confer with the Baptist and Southern Presbyterian educational boards on a broad program for educational advancement in Southern churches.

Although not specifically stated in the resolution, it was advocated by several speakers that this move toward educational co-operation should be extended to other denominations in the South.

The action was taken on the request of the Rev. Dr. A. R. Bond, of Birmingham, secretary of the Baptist Educational Board. Dr. W. P. Few, president of the association, announced that the committee would be appointed tomorrow.

Speak for Tolerance.

Plas were made by speakers for a broader tolerance and greater recognition by the Southern Methodist Church to these State schools and colleges where religious training is not a part of the course of study. Regret was expressed by the ministers discussing the subject that few have often left out in the schools of America.

The Methodist Church today must look abroad to the progress of the world and no advancement is possible if the eyes of those in charge of the forward movement are kept turned back to the ideals and accomplishments of the past. Dr. Few warned the convention in his "key-note" address.

Continue Finance Drive.

Continuation of the campaign for \$23,000,000 for Christian education in the South was urged by Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of Hendrix College, Searcy, Ark., and director-general of the campaign. Dr. Reynolds announced that so far only about \$19,000,000 of the amount needed had been pledged.

Dr. W. E. Quillian, of Wesleyan College, Georgia, told of the benefit which had been derived indirectly from the campaign through public interest aroused in the colleges of the church.

Apportionment of funds already raised to the various colleges was discussed at the session tonight. M. W. Sward, president of the women's college of Alabama, and Dr. H. H. Linn, president of Central College, Fayette, Mo., leading the round-table conference on the subject.

Hung Jury in Dunklee Case.

A jury in the case of F. E. Dunklee, charged with forgery, in the Hustings Court yesterday was unable to agree, and was discharged. The case went over to January 20, when another hearing will be held. Dunklee was bailed for his appearance at that time.

John W. Moss Bankrupt.

John W. Moss, of Kent, Va., filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy yesterday in the United States District Court. His liabilities are \$2,285.54, of which \$1,828.54 are unsecured claims. Moss places his assets at \$1,828.54.

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